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Honorable William M. Nickerson, Sr.
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
Garmatz Federal Courthouse
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Beth O. Scott v. Life Insurance Company of
North America
Case No.: WMN 03 CV 524
United States District Court for
the District of Maryland

Dear Judge Nickerson:

The above-referenced case has been brought under ERISA, and the Plaintiff seeks, among other things, a reversal of the Defendant's decision to terminate long term disability benefits.

Under the existing Scheduling Order, Motions for Summary Judgment are due on September 26, 2003. To allow the parties an opportunity to explore whether this matter can be resolved without further litigation, counsel for the Plaintiff and the Defendant jointly and respectfully request that the Scheduling Order be revised so that the deadline for filing Motions is extended until October 27,

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2003. Favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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